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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: INCB - SELECTION OF NEW BOARD SECRETARY

REF: A) GENEVA 4192; B) GENEVA 4087

SUMMARY: INCB PRESIDENT REUTER SENT LETTER TO SYG MAY 27
INFORMING HIM OF OPPOSITION OF BOARD MAJORITY TO EXTENSION OF
MR. STEP CZYSNKI AS BOARD SECRETARY AND NOTIFYING HIM OF BOARD
RECOMMENDATION THAT SYG APPOINT MR. BAH I BOARD SECRETARY UPON
EXPIRATION OF STEP CZYSNKI'S CONTRACT. TEUTER ALSO SENT COPY
OF LETTER TO DAVIDSON, WITH COVERING NOTE SOLICITING HIS
ASSISTANCE. STEP CZYSNKI APPEARS DETERMINED TO OVERTURN BOARD
DECISION. MISSION BELIEVES THIS WOULD HAVE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES
AND RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT USUN TO MAKE APPROPRIATE
ACTION. END SUMMARY

1. INCB PRESIDENT REUTER SENT LETTER TO SYG MAY 27 CONCERNING
SELECTION OF NEW BOARD SECRETARY. LETTER OPENS WITH
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REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 16 OF SINGLE CONVENTION AS AMENDED
WHICH
PROVIDES THAT "SECRETARY OF BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED
BY SYG IN CONSULTATION WITH BOARD". IT STATES
BOARD CONSIDERED EXTENSION OF STEP CZYSNKI'S CONTRACT
BEYOND RETIREMENT AGE AND REPORTS THAT "THE MAJORITY
OF THE BOARD'S MEMBERS OPPOSED THIS COURSE". LETTER

THEN DESCRIBES APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO SUGGEST POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS, EXAMINATION BY SUB-COMMITTEE OF FIVE POSSIBLE CANDIDATES AND SELECTION OF TWO INDIVIDUALS "QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY...". IT RECOUNTS WITHDRAWAL OF ONE CANDIDATE IN FAVOR OF OTHER "TO FACILITATE A DECISION BY THE BOARD". IT THEN REPORTS THE BOARD'S SUBSEQUENT DECISION TO RECOMMEND THAT SYG "APPOINT MR. A. BAHI SECRETARY OF THE BOARD TO TAKE EFFECT AS FROM THE EXPIRATION OF MR. STEPZCZYNSKI'S PRESENT CONTRACT". IN CONCLUSION, LETTER NOTES THAT BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION IS IN HARMONY WITH GA RES 3417 (XXX) WHICH REQUESTS SYG TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO INCREASE NUMBER OF STAFF MEMBERS RECRUITED FROM AMONG NATIONALS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR SENIOR POSTS IN SECRETARIAT.

2. REUTER ALSO SENT COPY OF ABOVE LETTER TO DAVIDSON, WITH COVERING LETTER NOTING DAVIDSON'S INTEREST IN INCB AND THE ASSISTANCE HE HAS RENDERED BOARD ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. COVERING LETTER REPORTS BOARD DECISIONS NOT TO EXTEND STEPZCZYNSKI CONTRACT AND TO RECOMMEND INSTEAD APPOINTMENT OF BAHI. IT STATES THAT BAHI NOW OCCUPIES POST OF CHIEF, DRUG REQUIREMENTS SECTION IN BOARD SECRETARIAT, THAT HE HAS SERVED WITH BOARD MORE THAN NINE YEARS AND THAT HE SPEAKS GERMAN FLUENTLY, AN ABILITY WHICH WILL FACILITATE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS CONNECTED WITH MOVE OF INCB SECRETARIAT TO VIENNA. IT CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT THAT REUTER "WOULD BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ASSIST US IN THIS MATTER".
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3. PROFESSOR REUTER AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED THAT MR. STEPZCZYNSKI MAY MAKE EFFORTS TO HAVE SYG OVERRIDE BOARD DECISION CONCERNING ITS SECRETARY. CONCERN APPEARS WELL-FOUNDED: STEPZCZYNSKI TOLD MISSION OFFICER MAY 31 THAT HE "WOULD DEFINITELY BE EXTENDED, NOT JUST FOR ONE YEAR BUT FOR THREE". HE SAID HE WOULD "DO EVERYTHING TO STAY" BECAUSE HE HAS "NOTHING TO LOSE". THE MEANS HE INTENDS TO USE HOWEVER ARE UNCLEAR. IT COULD BE THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH SYG FAMILY MEMBER IN GENEVA, OR THROUGH SPANISH OR ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS, WHOSE AMBASSADORS WERE REPORTED LOBBYING WITH INCB MEMBERS FOR RETENTION OF STEPZCZYNSKI AND HIS DEPUTY RAMOS-GALINO, PRESUMABLY TO MAINTAIN POSITION OF LATTER.

4. MISSION BELIEVES THAT OVERTURNING OF BOARD DECISION BY SYG WOULD HAVE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES ON EFFECTIVENESS OF BOARD AND ITS SECRETARIAT:

(1) INABILITY OF BOARD TO INFLUENCE CHOICE OF ITS OWN SECRETARY WOULD LOWER ITS PRESTIGE AND WEAKEN ITS ABILITY TO INFLUENCE GOVERNMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TREATIES.

(2) BOARD - SECRETARY RELATIONSHIP IS OF CONFIDENTIAL NATURE REQUIRING MUTUAL TRUST AND ESTEEM TO BE EFFECTIVE. SECRETARY SHOULD THEREFORE BE PERSON WHOSE APPOINTMENT IS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF BOARD (AS WAS BAH) RATHER THAN OPPOSED BY BOARD MAJORITY (AS WAS STEP CZYNSKI).

(3) RETENTION OF INCUMBENT SECRETARY BEYOND RETIREMENT AGE WOULD, AT THIS STAGE, DEAL SEVERE BLOW TO ALREADY LOW MORALE IN BOARD SECRETARIAT.

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(4) FILLING OF SECRETARY POSITION HAS CONSUMED TWO MEETINGS AT RECENT BOARD SESSION. IF STEP CZYNSKI EXTENSION WERE AUTHORIZED BY SYG, FUTURE SESSIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE DISTRACTED FROM SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BY REHASHING OF PROBLEM WHICH IN ESSENCE INVOLVES ONE INDIVIDUAL'S OPPOSITION TO MANDATORY RETIREMENT.

5. IN VIEW OF TRADITIONAL US SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE OF BOARD AND US EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN BOARD AS INSTRUMENT OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL, MISSION BELIEVES IT

APPROPRIATE TO TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE BOARD DECISION STICKS.
WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT USUN TO MAKE
LOW-KEY APPROACH TO DAVIDSON TO FOLLOWING EFFECT: WE
UNDERSTAND INCB HAS MADE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT
OF BOARD SECRETARY. IN VIEW OF TRADITIONAL US EFFORTS TO
STRENGTHEN BOARD AS AN INSTRUMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
NARCOTIS CONTROL AND IN LIGHT OF CONFIDENTIAL NATURE
OF BOARD - SECRETARY RELATIONSHIP, WE HOPE SYG CAN SEE
HES WAY TO ACT IN HARMONY WITH BOARD RECOMMENDATION.
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6. TEXTS OF LETTERS AND BAHU CURRICULUM VITAE POUCHED
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